

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
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 Stefan CRAMER et al )  
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 Appln. No. : 10/089,092 )  
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 Filed : April 12, 2002 )  
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 For : METHOD FOR INCREASING THE )  
 INTERFERENCE RESISTANCE OF A )  
 TIME FRAME REFLECTOMETER AND A )  
 CIRCUIT DEVICE FOR IMPLEMENTING )  
 SAID METHOD )

**FURTHER PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please further amend this application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following:**

--The invention relates to a method for increasing the interference resistance of a time domain reflectometer, in particular to high-frequency radiation, in which at a pulse repetition frequency a transmission pulse is generated and coupled into a waveguide, whose upper end toward the process terminal is disposed on a holder part. The invention also relates to a circuit arrangement for performing the method--.